



Naval Station, San Diego Environmental Cleanup Program

Removal Action Fact Sheet #1

April 1996

This fact sheet has been developed to inform the public about the opportunity to provide input to the U.S. Navy regarding a proposed removal action planned for Naval Station, San Diego. This action is being taken as part of the Navy's Installation Restoration Program. This program is designed to investigate and cleanup hazardous waste sites in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.

The public is invited to review and comment on the Action Memorandum/Work Plan. The 30-day public review and comment period will be from April 24 to May 24, 1996. The document is available in two local libraries listed on the back page. This removal action will be discussed at the next Naval Station, San Diego Restoration Advisory Board meeting on April 24th at the Radisson Hotel in National City at 7 PM. The public is invited to attend this meeting, ask questions, and provide input to the Navy.

Public Review Period Opens for Proposed Cleanup Action

Introduction

The U.S. Navy is proposing to excavate approximately 2,000 cubic yards of petroleum-contaminated soil in an area of the Brinser Street parking lot at Naval Station, San Diego. This action is necessary to protect the health of workers during construction activities planned for late 1996. Following public review, the Navy plans to begin the removal action in late May, 1996. The removal action should be completed in June, 1996.

A Time Critical Removal Action Memorandum has been prepared to document the Navy's decision to conduct the removal action. It provides a full description of the site and results of the investigations conducted to date. It also presents the results of the public health and environmental risk analysis, and the proposed cleanup action.

Site Background

The Brinser Street parking lot area (Site 12) has been used for staging military equipment, automobile parking, and shipping and receiving activities since 1966. It is bounded by Woden Street on the north; the warehouse Building 3304 on the east; Buildings 66 and 3302 and the Fire Fighters Training Facility on the south; and Brinser Street on the west. The site runs approximately 750 feet in a north-

south direction and 550 feet in an east-west direction. There are no endangered wildlife habitats, reported endangered species, or sites of archeological significance located in the parking lot area. A quay wall separates the site from the bay, and there are no adjacent natural tidelands or marsh habitats.

Investigation Results

Investigations were conducted at the site between November 1989 and November 1992. The investigations confirmed the presence of contaminated soil in concentrations above standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The soil is contaminated with organic chemicals known as polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), which are formed during the refining and combustion of petroleum hydrocarbons (i.e., gasoline, diesel, fuel oils, and asphalt). Some PAHs have been shown to potentially cause cancer in laboratory animals.

Cleanup Action

Human health is not currently affected because the contaminants are below the ground surface. However, the Navy plans to construct a pump station and pipeline later this year and construction workers could be exposed to PAHs through dermal (skin) contact, accidental in-

gestion of soil, and physical transport of chemicals from soil (dust) to the air or water. Therefore, a controlled cleanup action is needed to prevent worker exposure. The Navy proposes to excavate approximately 2,000 cubic yards of petroleum-contaminated soil and transport it to a licensed California Class I landfill for disposal. Outbound trucks would exit the 8th Street gate and travel north on Interstate 5. The removal action would begin in May, 1996 and take about three weeks to complete.

Public Participation

In accordance with federal and state public participation requirements, the proposed removal action is subject to a 30-day public review and comment period. To learn more about the proposed cleanup action the public is invited to attend a meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board on Wednesday, April 24 at the Radisson Hotel, 801 National City Blvd., National City, CA., beginning at 7:00 PM. Written comments must be postmarked no later than May 24, 1996 and sent to Commanding Officer, NAVSTA Environmental, Code 22, Attn: Theresa Morley, 3395 Sturtevant Street, Suite 6, San Diego, CA, 92136-5071.

Administrative Record File

The Navy has included the ***Pre-Final Time Critical Removal Action Memorandum/Removal Action Work Plan, Site 12, Naval Station, San Diego*** in the administrative record file for public review. The file also includes investigation re-

ports, sampling and analysis data, and other documents that the Navy has relied upon to select the appropriate method of cleanup. The administrative record file is available for public review at Southwest Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command located at 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego. Contact Administrative Record Coordinator, Chris Potter at (619) 532-1226. The Action Memorandum/Work Plan and an index of the administrative record file is also available for public review at the two following locations.

- National City Public Library, 220 East 12th Street, National City, CA 91950 (619) 336-4280
- Naval Station, San Diego Base Library, Building 152, San Diego, CA 92132 (619) 556-1249

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